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**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the "communication" mailed October 10, 2007 that Applicant's Reply filed July 27, 2007 was not fully responsive to the Action mailed May 2, 2007, the time for responding to such communication being extended to and including December 10, 2007 by petition and authorization for payment of fee submitted herewith. Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of their July 27, 2007 reply (as detailed further below), please substitute the following Amendment and Response therefore. **Although not stated in the "communication," it is presumed that the July 27, 2007 amendments were not entered, and therefore substitute or replacement amendments are presented herein relative to the originally filed claims.**

A replacement Abstract of the Disclosure is presented on a separate page as page 2 of this paper.

An amendment to the Title begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.